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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF )  
Schatch et al ) Examiner:  
SERIAL NO.: )  
FILED: ) Group Art Unit:  
FOR: FUNCTIONAL POLY-ALPHA- )  
AMINOACID DERIVATIVES USEFUL )  
FOR THE MODIFICATION OF )  
BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE MATERIALS )  
AND THEIR USE )

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is the national filing of International Application No. PCT/BE00/00066. Before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1 - 22 without prejudice, and substitute new claims 36 - 57 as follows:

36. A linear monofunctional or multifunctional poly- $\alpha$ -amino-acid derivative having at least glutamic or aspartic or serinic repeating units in the polymer backbone, the said glutamic or aspartic or serinic repeating units having the formula:



wherein:

- R is defined as  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n - \text{CO} - \text{OR}_1$  or  $-(\text{CH}_2)_n - \text{CO} - \text{NHR}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,